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As a long-haul truckdriver and an XM subscriber I find their "localized" "Instant traffic and weather" to be 1000% better than anything I have ever heard on any AM or FM band anywhere within the United States. To give you an idea of why I say that I challenge the Congressperson from Maine to go to Los Angeles Ca and try and find your way around the basin using just any AM or FM station of your choice during rush-hour. Now go back and try it again using XM

XM uses highway numbers making it possible for us truckdrivers to know exactly where they are talking about (especially since CA still does not have their highway mile marker numbering system in place yet) so that it is possible for us to take different routes in an attempt to get our freight delivered on time (receivers don't care if we get hung up in traffic.....they want their freight on time and if that means we go 3 days without food or sleep that's fine as long as their freight is on time). The local channels use the names of the highways instead of the highway numbers and people that don't live in the area have absolutely no idea as to what area the traffic broadcaster is talking about.

If NBB wants to make it illegal for XM to have the "Instant traffic and weather" then the NBB needs to make it MANDATORY for the local channels to broadcast in such a manner as to make it easier for out of towners to understand what they are talking about.

If you are going to take "Instant traffic and weather" away from XM then you might as well take the local channels away from the satellite TV providers because you will be hurling us back into the dark ages.